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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGES

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: JULY 4 ALGERIAN MEDIA HIGHLIGHTED FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGES OF PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AND FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE.
2. TEXT OF BOUMEDIENE'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER, AS IT APPEARED ON FRONT PAGES OF ALGERIAN PAPERS, READ: "ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE U.S.A, I AM PLEASED TO ADDRESS TO YOU, IN THE NAME OF THE ALGERIAN PEOPLE, ITS GOVERNMENT, AND MYSELF PERSONALLY, MY SINCERE FELICITATIONS AS WELL AS MY BEST WISHES OF WELLBEING AND PROSPERITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S."
3. "I WOULD LIKE TO SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE TO YOU OUR HOPE OF SEEING THE LINKS BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES GROW FIRMER AND THE NUMEROUS POSSIBILITIES THAT EXIST FOR A GREATER DEVELOPMENT OF THE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES EXPLOITED FURTHER IN A FRAMEWORK OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND ON THE BASIS OF COMMON INTERESTS, PERMIT ME TO SAY TO YOU THAT I REMAIN CONVINCED THAT THE TENSIONS AND PROBLEMS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CONFRONTS CAN FIND SOLUTIONS ONLY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A DIALOGUE FOUNDED ON JUSTICE, EQUALITY, AND ABSOLUTE RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PEOPLES."

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4. "HOPING THAT THE COOPERATION THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN US WILL CONTINUE IN A MORE EFFICIENT MANNER, I ASK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, TO ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF MY VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION."
5. TEXT OF BOUTEFLIKA'S MESSAGE TO SECRETARY VANCE, AS CARRIED ON INSIDE PAGES OF JULY 4 PAPERS, READ: "ON THIS ANNIVERSARY

DAY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE U.S.A., IT IS WITH MUCH PLEASURE
THAT I ADDRESS MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND MY
BEST WISHES FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ITS ASPIRATIONS TO THE PEOPLE
OF THE U.S."

6. "I WISH TO PROFIT FROM THIS OCCASION TO ASSURE YOU THAT
I VALUE THE COLLABORATION I HAVE ESTABLISHED WITH YOU. HOPING
THAT I WILL BE REINFORCED FOR A GREATER DEVELOPMENT OF THE
COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND IN THE SEARCH FOR JUST
AND DURABLE SOLUTIONS FOR THE PROBLEMS THROUGH WHICH WE ARE
LIVING, I ASK YOU, MR. SECRETARY, TO ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF
MY VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION." END UNCLASSIFIED

7. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE COMMENT: THESE WARM MESSAGES,
WHICH CALL FOR GREATER COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN ALGERIA
AND THE U.S., STAND IN MARKED CONTRAST TO CONTINUING MEDIA ATTACKS
ON THE U.S. OVER AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PROBLEMS. THAT
MESSAGES OF SUCH WARMTH SHOULD BE SENT AS THIS JUNCTURE STRIKES
US AS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT THE GOA WISHES TO PRESERVE AND DEEPEN
NORMAL RELATIONS IN SPITE OF OBVIOUS DIFFERENCES IN CERTAIN FIELDS.
THROUGH ITS MESSAGES AND DEMARCHES, GOA WISHES TO ENSURE CONTINUED
U.S. NEUTRALITY ON WESTERN SAHARA AND TO ENCOURAGE U.S. APPROVAL
OF OUTSTANDING LNG CONTRACTS. BOTH OF THESE ISSUES ARE MUCH MORE
IMPORTANT TO IT THAN THOSE AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PROBLEMS ON
WHICH IT DISAGREES WITH US. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE COMMENT.
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